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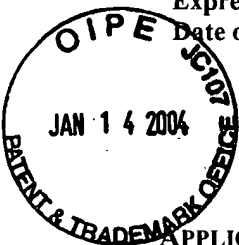
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (1 page);
2. Appendix A (3 pages); and
3. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19705-001). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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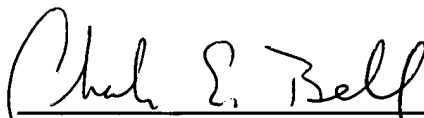
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on December 16, 2003 in the above-referenced application, Applicants append hereto a corrected section of the amendment document filed on November 26, 2003. Applicants believe this corrected document satisfies the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Response is being filed on or before the due date of January 16, 2004. Thus, no fee is believed due in conjunction with its submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary fees that may be required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19705-001.

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